

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An actuator for a vehicle, comprising:
 - a rotatable rotor;
 - a lever that is disposed so as to be swingable between a first
5 position and a second position; and
 - an engagement mechanism through which the lever is engaged
with the rotor, the engagement mechanism including
 - a protrusion that engages with the rotor; and
 - a guide mechanism that makes, along with rotation of the
10 rotor, the lever swing between the first position and the second position,
and allows, when the rotor stops rotating, a movement of the lever
without turning the rotor.

2. The actuator according to claim 1, wherein the guide mechanism
15 includes
 - a contact portion that comes in contact with the protrusion to
slide the lever;
 - a guide portion that guides the protrusion to the contact portion;
 - and
 - 20 a movement support portion that allows, when the rotor stops
rotating, the movement of the protrusion without turning the rotor.

3. The actuator according to claim 2, wherein the guide mechanism
includes
25 a first slide guide portion that comes in contact with the

protrusion to slide the protrusion to the guide portion during rotation of the rotor in a first direction; and

a second slide guide portion that comes in contact with the protrusion to slide the protrusion to the movement support portion during rotation of the rotor in a second direction, the second direction being opposite to the first direction.

4. The actuator according to claim 2, wherein the contact portion includes a first contact portion and a second contact portion that extend in different directions.

5. The actuator according to claim 4, wherein the first contact portion slides the lever to the second position during rotation of the rotor in a first direction, and the second contact portion slides the lever to the first position during rotation of the rotor in a second direction, the second direction being opposite to the first direction.

6. The actuator according to claim 1, wherein the lever is connected to a locking lever that switches between a locked position and an unlocked position of a door locking device depending on the sliding of the lever.